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- e. JP 8-188328: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.
- f. JP 3-122675: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.
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- h. JP 1-88666: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report and the figures therein.
- i. JP 61-62755: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report and the figures therein.
- j. JP 5-277998: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.
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Respectfully submitted,

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